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HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1889.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 151, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. AMEDEE PRINCE, 39, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO, and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Fran. etc. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney. CYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY CO., Colombo. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. G. HARRISON & CO., Manila. CHINA.—M. E. A. DE CRUZ, Simeon, Quon & CO., Amoy. N. MOALIE, Foochow. HEDGES & CO., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yochang, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1. 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest. 4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances. 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July. 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China. 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—Hon. JOHN WILLIAM IRVING.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
G. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.  
W. G. BRODIE, Esq.  
H. L. DALMILEY, Esq.  
J. S. MOSEY, Esq.  
J. F. HOLIDAY, Esq.  
H. B. LATTON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.—G. E. NOBLE, Esq.  
MANAGER.—Shanghai, J. C. CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits.—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drugs granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pudding Street, on Monday, the 25th February, 1889, at 12 o'clock (noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1888, the Report of the General Manager, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, February 1, 1889. 189

A LADY (very good advice) wishing to return to ENGLAND in the Spring, would be glad to give her Services, during the voyage, in return for her passage home.

Address, MISS EARLE,  
c/o OFFICE OF THIS FIRM.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1889. 218

Intimations.



ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG,  
No. 618, S. C.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FARMAN'S HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 18th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 297

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION.

900 YARDS, 10 SHOTS.

ENTRANCE FEE 10 Cents payable on the Ground.

NEXT SATURDAY, 23rd Feb., 4 o'clock.

One Sighting Shot allowed.

CARBINES ALLOWED TWO Shots extra.

18TH AFTERNOONS the Range is reserved for Practice at 800 and 900 Yards.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 300

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6th DIVIDEND.

6th DIVIDEND of 6½ % on all

CLAIMS against the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have been approved by the Court of Chancery, will be paid at the Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY, the 17th MARCH next.

CREDITORS are requested to apply to the Bank for their Dividends and to produce the letter they hold from the Official Liquidator, admitting their Claims, in order that the Payment of the 6th Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR, by arrangement with THE ASSETS REALISATION CO., is prepared to PAY IN ADVANCE to CREDITORS willing to receive such Payment in FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR CLAIMS in the DISCOUNT of 6½ % payable in the 18th, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.

CREDITORS who are willing to accept Payment of the Final Dividend less discount as above are requested to communicate with the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Agent for the Official Liquidator,  
Ortental Bank Corporation  
in Liquidation.

2, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
Hongkong, February 6, 1889. 235

CHAS. J. GAUFF & CO.,  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

N A U T I C A L, S C I E N T I F I C A L  
A N D M E T E O R O L O G I C A L  
I N S T R U M E N T S.

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BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

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ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,  
CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,  
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

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— AND —

D I A M O N D J E W E L L E R Y,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London

PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

MASONIC BALL—1889.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the lamented death of

Admiral CHANDLER, the MASONIC BALL is POSTPONED from Friday, the 15th Instant, to MONDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY next.

ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 14, 1889. 288

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-

ORDINARY General MEETING of

the PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN

MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th day of February, 1889, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Such a Resolution will be submitted to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be in-

creased to the sum of \$600,000 legally

current in the Colony of Hongkong by

the creation of 20,000 New Shares of

\$10 each. Subject to any direction to

the contrary that may be given by the

Meeting sanctioning the increase of

Capital, all New Shares shall be offered

to the Members in proportion to the

existing Shares held by them, and such

offer shall be made by notice specifying

the number of Shares to which the

Member is entitled within a time

within which the offer, if not accepted

will be deemed to be declined, and

after the expiration of such time or on

the receipt of an intimation from the

Member to whom such notice is given

that he declines to accept the Shares

offered, such Shares shall be dealt with

by the Directors in their discretion.

Dated the 14th day of February, 1889.

By Order of the Directors,

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 14, 1889. 148

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

ORDINARY General MEETING of the

COMPANY will be held at the Office

of the Company, No. 9, Queen's Road

Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY,

the 25th FEBRUARY, 1889.

By Order of the Board,

A. O. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 149

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's

Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE

STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON

& GOTCH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES

HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C.

SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 151, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. AMEDEE PRINCE,

39, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park

Row.

SAN FRANCISCO, and American Ports

generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Fran.

etc. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-

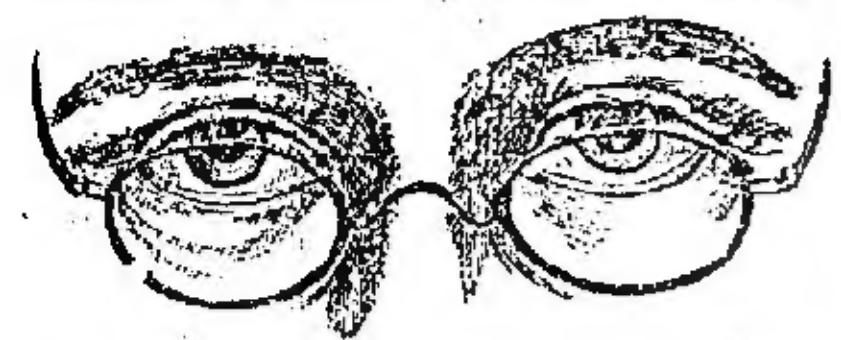
bourne and Sydney.

GYLTON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE

1837 Internations.

## NOTICE.

LAWRENCE &amp; MAYO'S PERFECT PEBBLES



Are clear, cool, &amp; preserving to the Sight.

Mr. LAWRENCE is now in Hongkong, and may be CONSULTED at the

VICTORIA HOTEL,

For 14 Days ONLY

(till the 26th Inst.)

Mr. LAWRENCE'S Pamphlet 'Ignorance the cause of numerous Eye Diseases' FREE on application.

LAWRENCE & MAYO,  
Opticians,  
LONDON, CALCUTTA & BOMBAY.

Yokohama, February 17, 1889. 263

## Entertainments.

Under the Patronage and in the Presence of H. E. Sir G. WILLIAM and Lady DES VILLEUX.

MADAME KORFF AND MILLE MAILLARD Will give another

CONCERT

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, THIS EVENING, the 18th of February, at 9 p.m.

## PROGRAMME:

1—Sonata, Op. 31. . . . . Beethoven.

Mrs. KORFF.

2—Air . . . . . Meyerbeer.

Mille MAILLARD.

3—Transcription . . . . . Liszt.

Mrs. KORFF.

4—Noel . . . . . Adam.

Mille MAILLARD.

5—Carillon's J. . . . . Schumann.

Mrs. KORFF.

6—Musica Praibita . . . . . Gasteck.

INTERVAL.

1—Poulouette . . . . . Chopin.

Mrs. KORFF.

2—Deux Rorances . . . . . Massé.

Mille MAILLARD.

3—Dur Verbanne . . . . . Kiebler.

4—Elizabeth's Prayer . . . . . Wagner.

5—Valse Caprice . . . . . Jev.

Mrs. KORFF.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Tickets to be had at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; Co.—Price, 82.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 265

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will repeat

GILBERT &amp; SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA 'IOLANTHE,' on

SATURDAY,

the 23rd February, 1889.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock p.m.

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; Co. on and after Monday, 18th Instant, at 9 a.m.

Tickets for Back Seats of the Stalls may be had at the Door of the Theatre on the evening of the Performance.—Price, 81.

R. LYALL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 11, 1889. 264

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

A CONCERT will be given in the above Hall, on

WEDNESDAY,

February 27th, In Aid of

THE HONGKONG BRANCH OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of

Mrs. GORDON CAMERON,

Mrs. MAXWELL,

Mrs. BELL-IRVING,

&amp;c., &amp;c.

Doors open at . . . . . 8.30 p.m.

To commence at . . . . . 9.00

Tickets—\$2 each, can be obtained at

Messrs. KELLY &amp; WALSH.

Hongkong, February 13, 1889. 268

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

## To-day's Advertisements

## FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship

Captain O. Tokunaga, will be despatched for the

above Port, TO-MORROW, the 19th Inst.

at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMESSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 302

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

PORTS, SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship

Troyan, Captain N. L. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Inst., at Day-light.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloons and Cabins are fitted with the latest furniture. Second-class Passengers are berthed in the Pop. A Refrigirating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 256

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship

Troyan, Captain N. L. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Inst., at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 256

## THE HALL AND HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY (LIMITED).

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Passing Cargo &amp; Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW CHANGWAN, THENTSIN, HANWOO and Ports on the YANTZEE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Prometheus, Captain Webster, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 253

## THE HALL &amp; HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Passing Cargo &amp; Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW CHANGWAN, THENTSIN, HANWOO and Ports on the YANTZEE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Prometheus, Captain Webster, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 253

## THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamer

Phra Chula Chon Kla, Captain A. Benson, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Inst., at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 303

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

T. S. Gardner, Captain T. S. Gardner, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 307

## THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE.

The British Steamer

Keweenaw, Captain A. Webster, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 315

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,

SUEZ, PORT SAID,

BRINDISI, GENOA,

ANTWERP, BREMEN &amp; HAMBURG,

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK

SEA &amp; BALTIc PORTS:

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,

BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,

GALVESTON &amp; SOUTH AMERICAN

PORTS.

N.—For Passage will be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

NOT Close Contingents.

VALUABLE WATCHES, by J. W. BENSON.

Lodge Hall London.

WILL BE SOLD AT HOME PRICES.

EXCHANGES.

No. 51052 Gold Keyless Half Watch, £22.

No. 50212 English Half Hunter £23.

No. 50412 Horizontal Hunter £24.

No. 1 Horizontal Hunter £22.12.0.

No. 65072 Silver Keyless Horizontal Hunter £43.0.

No. 66629 Silver Keyless Horizontal Hunter £44.0.

A FEW CASES

GLEN DRONACH BLEND WHISKY.

(Pure Highland Malt)

6 years in bottle £5.50 per case (1 dozen)

for Cash.

A SMALL PARCEL OF

STUARTS

VINO DE PASTO SHERRY

per Dozen Case £5.00 for Cash.

500 New Standard Works and Novels

published at 2/-

35 cents each; three (3) for One Dollar.

THE COMPANY'S SHIPS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.—For Passage will be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

N.—For Passage will be received on board

anti 4 p.m. Space and Parcels until 1 p.m.

on the 16th March, 1889. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be sent at the Agent's Office.) Contents and Value of Parcels are required.

The Steamer has ample Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 18, 1889. 310

## DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

## CHEMISTS.

## Dakin's Carbolic Tooth Powder.

Highly Antiseptic and most agreeable

and efficacious dentifrice, by its use

the Tissue are kept in a sound and

folk by those who require large premises. An alarm of fire was sounded about half-past eight last night and the brigades turned out only to find that the cause was nothing more serious than a chimney on fire at the Union Club, Wellington Street.

The *Northern Territory Times* says:—Owing to the decision arrived at by the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, and the China Navigation Company, to raise the fares for Chinese passengers from Port Darwin to Hongkong, from £5 to £8, meeting of Chinese residents at Port Darwin was held, at which it was decided not to allow Chinese to travel by vessels under the offending companies.

An unannounced performance was given by the Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the Public Gardens on Saturday afternoon, which was much enjoyed by the visitors who happened to be in the place at the time. It is a pity that the band should, comparatively speaking, waste its sweethearts on the desert air, instead of affording a treat to a large audience, as it would do were an intimation of the performance made through the papers.

C. C. Porow, who on Saturday was committed for trial before the Supreme Court on a charge of obtaining \$250 from Mr J. F. Webber, Solicitor, on false pretences, was to-day identified in the Gaol by Mr F. Solomon, Chief Inspector of Police, Bangkok, as the man who, under the name of Kohl, distinguished himself as a borrower of money and a general fraud in the Siamese capital a short time ago. Mr Solomon, who is well acquainted with the classic features of Mr Kohl-Popoff-Popoff-Kohl, arrived here by the *Nanshan* from Bangkok yesterday, and he took the opportunity to pay his respects to the hero of the *Coolie* *Doe* in the early call this morning. This identification on Mr Solomon's part was not well received by Popoff. The haughty Muscovite in fact cut the Police Inspector dead. As the object of Mr Solomon's visit was to identify Popoff, the usual ceremony was gone through. The distinguished prisoner, who on Saturday repelled with indignation the suggestion that he was "the man from Bangkok," was received among a small crowd of Police Inspectors and other eminent individuals and Mr Solomon was asked to pick him out. He at once did so, remarking as he laid his hand on Popoff's shoulder:—"This is the blackguard; he's been growing a beard since." Popoff, however, was not pleased, and the crowd, who were a freezing hauteur, asked the crowd: "Who is the something this fellow was?" Mr Solomon, we understand, has brought with him a pile of documentary evidence of Kohl's transactions in Bangkok and elsewhere, from all of which it would appear that there is quite a descendant for him in some places, notwithstanding his being so little appreciated here. The case on which he is committed at present is not on the calendar for this month's criminal sessions as yet, and will therefore probably not be tried for some time.

By one of those accidents which sometimes favour criminals by interposing to avert punishment even when it seems to be inevitable, the only man whom the Police have been able to lay their hands on in connection with the Tyuan Waterworks depredations, was to-day allowed to escape the full consequences of his daring offence. The prisoner, who is at present serving a term of imprisonment for stealing coal, was seen along with three other men carrying away portions of the two copper strainers which were lately smashed and stolen from the Tyuan Tunnel. The prisoner and the others ran away, leaving the copper in baskets on the road. It was the basket of which the destroyed strainers were composed, and there could not be the slightest doubt that it was stolen by the man in whose possession it was found. The circumstances of the case were fully and clearly laid before a jury at the month's criminal sessions to-day, when the prisoner was charged with stealing the copper. The evidence was quite conclusive, and Chief Justice Russell, in commencing on it, told the jury that whether they believed that the prisoner actually had a hand in removing the copper from its place in the tunnel or not, the circumstances quite justified a verdict of guilty if the jury believed the statements of the witnesses. Taking into account the fact that the prisoner had offered no explanation of how the copper came into his possession, the judge referred to the jury that the presumption of stolen property, but as there had been no clear case made out as to how the property came into his possession, they found him not guilty of larceny! The judge seemed surprised at the verdict, and the jury looked equally astonished when his Lordship said that the prisoner must be discharged, as he was not indicted for the offence. Had matters been pushed to extremity, the position of the General Agents would have become untenable, and you may rest assured that they would not have remained inactive, or permitted a trade with which they have been so long and closely connected to pass from under their control. I trust that such a state of affairs may never be forced upon them, for they will probably not submit to be dictated to by any combination of shareholders, though they will always be ready to listen to any reasonable proposal put before them in a proper manner.

The Chinese Sugar Refining Company has grown to what it is under the General Agents' care and management, and it is not too much to say that but for the material aid afforded by them from time to time, it would never have attained its present prosperity. I need not enumerate what they have done for the Company, but I may merely say that never in history have they exacted all the charges to which they were entitled. Being desirous so far as possible of allaying any feeling of irritation which might prove detrimental to the Company's interests, the General Agents, in this case did not get off scot-free; as he has already been indicted on a charge of wilful possession of stolen property, but at the best the result can only be that of doing wrong, and in a roundabout way, what could have been done properly at once.

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

We gather from a somewhat ambiguous Paris telegram, dated 9th inst., that the French Government demanded the presentation of *scrutins d'arrondissements* and carried a motion to that effect by 308 to 243; and that the Chamber, by a majority of 504 to 9, agreed to proceed immediately afterwards with the Bill for the revision of the constitution.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUMMER.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Red Sea*, December 28; *William Burkitt*, *Aberdeen*, Jan. 1; *Keit*, 11; *Brayford*, 15; *Nestor*, *Leeds*; *Glengary*, *Balcarres*, *Brook*, *Flamborough*, 29; *Glenglassay*, February 1; *Frigga*, *Sapientia*, *Telamon*, *Trifels*, *Diana*, *Gelidus*, *Lorne*, *Moray*, 6; *Bernard*, *Thalia*, 8; *Thysa*, 12.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Glennartney*, *Lennox*, 29; *Karpador*, Feb. 1; *Osprey*, *Daphne*, 5; *Yorck*, 8; *Bayern*, *Ulysses*, *Norden*, 12.

The P. & O. steamer *Pekin*, with the English Mail of January 18th, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 13th Feb., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 19th Feb. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on December 29th.

The O. & O. S.S. *Go*'s steamer *Arabia*, with the American Mail of January 24th, left Yokohama on the 18th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 21st instant.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd's S. S. *Carls*, steamship *Sachsen*, with the next outward *GERMAN MAIL*, dated Berlin, 22nd Jan., left Singapore on Saturday, the 16th instant, at 5 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday morning, the 21st instant.

The a. s. *Beale* left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 19th inst.

The D. R. *steamship Elektra* left Singapore on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS WILL BE FOUND IN ANOTHER COLUMN.

A PRESENTATION IS TO BE MADE TO THE HON. J. STUART LOCKHART AT THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB AT 6 P.M. TO-MORROW.

MESSRS JARDINE, MATTHESON AND CO. INFORM US THAT THE A. S. *Wing-kong*, FROM CALCUTTA, LEFT SINGAPORE FOR HONGKONG THIS MORNING.

MESSRS ADAMSON, BELL AND CO. INFORM US THAT THE A. S. *Afghan*, FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL, LEFT SINGAPORE FOR THIS PORT THIS MORNING.

THE AGENTS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE INFORM US THAT THE A. S. *Partho* LEFT SHANGHAI FOR THIS AT NOON YESTERDAY, THE 17TH.

THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF HONGKONG AND HANOI ARE SAID TO HAVE RESIGNED, AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE MONOPOLY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL WAREHOUSES OF HONGKONG.

A HOUSE PROPRIETOR AT HUNGKONG WAS FINED \$10 BY MR. WODEHOUSE TO-DAY FOR PROCEEDING WITH SOME BUILDING OPERATIONS WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY HAVING GIVEN NOTICE TO THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THE FRENCH CAPTURED OHO-CHU, A TOWN DEFENDED BY CHINESE REBELS, WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING MUCH OPPOSITION. THE REBEL BAND, HOWEVER, WHICH SO STOUTLY DEFENDED CHU-MOI IS STILL HOVING ABOUT THE MOUNTAINS AND MAY TROUBLE LATER ON.

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BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1888.  
To Capital Account—  
Paid-up Capital on 8,000  
Shares at \$50 per Share, \$ 400,000.00  
To Accounts Payable—  
Sundry Accounts unpaid, 32,737.79  
To Uncollected Dividend Account—  
Balance of this Account, 6,343.22  
To Reserve Fund—  
Amount reserved from the  
Profits of 1869 to 1886, 1,031,486.00  
To Working Account, 1887—  
Balance from last  
Account, \$251,243.30  
Add Sundry Premiums, &c., since  
collected, 11,857.48  
\$264,100.78

Loss—Losses  
and other Payments, \$90,075.78  
Remuneration to  
Consulting Committee and  
Auditors, 5,500.00  
95,575.78

Not Profit for 1887, 168,585.00  
To Working Account, 1888—  
Balance of this Account, 320,757.88

\$1,056,920.88

Cr.  
By Bank Accounts, Govern-  
ment Bonds, Mortgages,  
&c.,—

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking  
Corporation, Current Ac-  
count, 16,601.30

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking  
Corporation, Deposit Ac-  
count, 188,107.97

Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China, Deposit Ac-  
count, 25,000.00

Loans, under Deed of Mort-  
gage, &c.,—  
In Hongkong, 1,000,592.00  
In London, 60,000.00  
In Amoy, 20,000.00  
In Shanghai, 921,405.64  
In Yokohama, 9,500.00

Invested in Bonds, Chinese Imperial Government  
Loan, 1884, 116,500.00  
Chinese Imperial Government  
Loan, 1886, 36,239.78

Shares in the China Fire In-  
surance Co., Ltd., 157.00

Cash in hands, General Man-  
agers, 9,000.00

By Accounts Receivable,—  
Balances of Premium and In-  
terest to 31st December, 1887,  
For China Fire Engine, 80,716.10

By Steam Fire Engine, 1,577.15

Balance of this Account, 5,190.90

By Yokohama Steam Fire  
Engine, 5,861.70

Balance of this Account, 430.00

By Ningpo Fire Engine, 80.00

By Amoy Fire Engine, 167.64

By Swatow Fire Engine, 450.00

\$1,056,870.80

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1888.  
Dr.

To Premium Account, 8 308,094.21

To Interest Account, 123,507.31

To Transfer Fees Account, 314.00

Fees collected during the year, 763.28

Balance of this Account, 8 432,675.83

Cr.

By Charges Account, Salaries of Asst-  
ants, 8,000.00

Salaries of Sur-  
veyors in Hong-  
kong & Shanghai, 2,233.33

Rent of Offices, 2,800.00

Solicitors' Retain-  
ing Fees, 283.33

Stationery, Print-  
ing, Advertising,  
Wages of Shroffs,  
&c., 14,578.32

27,894.98

By Re-Insurance Account, Paid for re-insurance during  
the year, 24,750.85

By Amount of Losses, 19,493.13

Paid for Losses and Claims, 4,529.68

By Fire Brigade Account, For one-half Share of Brigade  
expenses at Hongkong, and the Branches, viz.: Shang-  
hai and Yokohama, 4,529.68

By Commission Account, For Commission on Premiums  
collected at Hongkong, and the Branches, 29,276.35

By Balance transferred as  
above, 326,787.88

8 432,675.83

E. & O. E.  
JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.,  
General Managers.

We have examined the Books and  
Vouchers of the Company, and certify that  
the above Statements are in accordance  
therewith.

G. S. COXON,  
F. HENKESON, Auditors.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1889.

## Intimations.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR  
CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would  
materially aid the SENATE of the  
COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALEX-  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(1). Glass Jars (for museum purposes).

(2). Illustrated Papers and Books for the  
Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to JAMES CANTLIE,  
Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, August 7, 1888. 1317

A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN  
FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAXCO.

This Article, which has been reprinted  
from the *China Review*, contains one of the  
best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written.

A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are  
included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1—of Messrs. LANE,  
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WALSH, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N.  
MOALIN, Amoy.

Hongkong, March 3, 1889.

## Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above  
Company, are authorized to Insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
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RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO.,  
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Hongkong, July 16, 1887. 1340

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